

would come to this place, it would be a sobering reminder that evil exists and a call that when we find evil, we must resist it. It also is a—I guess I came away with this impression, that I was most impressed that people, in the face of horror and evil, would not forsake their God, and in the face of unspeakable crimes against humanity, brave souls, young and old, stood strong for what they believe.

It's an honor to be here. It is a moving experience, and it is a living memory that is important. Thank you, sir.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:43 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel; and Avner Shalev, chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Chicago, IL, where he visited Horace Greeley Elementary School. Then, at the Union League Club of Chicago, he had lunch with business and community leaders.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

January 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had lunch with President Abdullah Gul of Turkey.

In the evening, the President traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel, arriving the following morning.

The President declared a major disaster in Nevada and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms and flooding beginning on January 5 and continuing.

January 9

In the morning, aboard Air Force One, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel. Later, he traveled to the President's Residence, where he and President Shimon Peres of Israel attended cultural performances. He then traveled to the Prime Minister's Residence, where he met with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tzipora "Tzipi" Livni, and Minister of Defense Ehud Barak of Israel.

In the evening, the President returned to the King David Hotel.

January 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Opposition Leader Benjamin "Bebe" Netanyahu of Israel. He then met with the family of former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Ramallah, Palestinian Territories, where, at the Muqata, he participated in a greeting with President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority. Later, in the President's Small Conference Room of the Muqata, the President met with Prime Minister Salam Fayyad of the Palestinian Authority.

In the afternoon, in the President's Dining Room of the Muqata, the President had a working lunch with President Abbas. Later, he met with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair. He then traveled to Bethlehem, Palestinian Territories, where he visited the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria at the Basilica of the Nativity.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel, where he met with U.S. Embassy personnel and their families.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Prime Minister's Residence, where, in

the Dining Room, he had a working dinner with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel. Later, he returned to the King David Hotel.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the inauguration of Alvaro Colom Caballeros as President of Guatemala in Guatemala City on January 14: Michael O. Leavitt (head of delegation); James M. Derham; Rob Mosbacher; Sara Martinez Tucker; and Christopher A. Padilla.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Brennan to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

The President announced his intention to nominate J. Gregory Copeland to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dorla M. Salling to be a member of the U.S. Parole Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kurt D. Volker to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

January 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair. He then visited the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, where he rekindled the Eternal Flame and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Galilee, Israel, where he toured the Capernaum archaeological ruins. He then visited the Mount of the Beatitudes chapel.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel. He then traveled to Kuwait City, Kuwait, where, upon arrival at the Kuwait International Airport, he participated in an arrival ceremony with Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah of Kuwait. Later, he traveled to the Bayan Palace Guest House.

In the evening, the President traveled to Dar Salwa Palace, where he participated in a greeting with Amir Sabah. Then, in the Dining Room, he had dinner with Amir

Sabah. Later, he returned to the Bayan Palace Guest House.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm from December 10–12.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 7

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings

Fact sheet: Six Years of Student Achievement Under No Child Left Behind

Released January 8

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a background briefing by a senior administration official on the President's meeting with President Gul of Turkey

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that on January 7 the President signed H.R. 660, H.R. 3690, and S. 863, and on January 8 he signed H.R. 2640

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Nevada

Fact sheet: Helping Iraq Achieve Economic and Political Stabilization